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USUN NEW YORK APRIL 18, 1973 FROM CAIRO IS REPEATED TO YOU:
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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. SADAT'S VISIT TO FORWARD MILITARY BASES ON APRIL 16 AND
AIR BASES APRIL 17 IS GIVEN MAJOR TREATMENT BY APRIL 17-18
CAIRO PRESS. SADAT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WAR MINISTER ISMAIL
DURING VISIT TO ARMY BASES, AND BY BOTH ISMAIL AND AIR VICE
MARSHAL MUBARAK DURING CALL ON AIR BASES. PRESS DESCRIBES
VISITS AS PART OF SERIES OF MEETINGS SADAT IS CONDUCTING WITH
ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL. SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO PRESIDE OVER
CABINET MEETING APRIL 18.

2. STATEMENTS MADE BY FONMIN ZAYYAT AND REPORTAGE OF
SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ARE SECOND ITEM OF IMPORTANCE
IN PRESS. PARTICULAR FOCUS IS PLACED ON ZAYYAT'S CALL
(OF APRIL 17) FOR A FULL REVIEW OF UN PEACE EFFORTS IN
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ME SINCE 1967 AND REPORT ON JARRING ME MISSION SINCE ITS INCEPTION. PRESS ALSO REPORTS STATEMENT ISSUED BY STATE DEPARTMENT APRIL 17 THAT US WILL SUPPORT " CONSTRUCTIVE AND BALANCED" RESOLUTION ON ME; AHRAM COMMENTS THAT THIS INDICATES THAT US WILL USE VETO AGAINST ANY RESOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT ATTACK FEDAYEEN. PRESS EDITORIALS ON UNSC DEBATE PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON UN FOR NOT ENFORCING ME RESOLUTIONS (AHRAM) ST TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING HIS DEMARCHE TO DCM MARCH 29 ON MILITRY THREAT FROM PDRY. WE HAD MADE INTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF REPORT OF THREATENED INVASION AND HAD REACHED CONCLUSION THAT TROOP CONCENTRATIONS, WHICH PEEKED IN PERIOD MARCH 20-25 WERE NOT AS EXTENSIVE AS FEARED BY YARG AND HAD NOT BEEN OFFENSIVE IN NATURE. CONCENTRATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCED ALTHOUGH IT POSSIBLE THEY NOW INCREASING SOMEWHAT IN VIEW YARG DEFENSIVE COUNTER-MEASURES. USG HAD ALSO EXAMINED URGENT REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT MOST CAREFULLY. EMBASSY JIDDA HAD NOW BEEN AUTHORIZED DISCUSS WITH SAG MEASURES TO GET SOME OF MOST URGENTLY NEEDED EQUIPMENT MOVING QUICKLY. ON LONGER TERM PROBLEM, YARG AND SAG WOULD NEED TO SIT TOGETHER, FOLLOWING WHICH USG COULD CONSULT WITH SAG ON HOW YEMEN' S NEEDS SHOULD BE MET.

3. I THEN HAD TOUR D' HORIZON WITH HAJRI FOCUSED ON YAR' S RELATIONS, IN PARTICULAR PRIMIN' S RECENT TRIP TO PENINSULA STATES, DEPUTY PRIMIN' S TRIP TO IRAN AND MY OWN VISIT TO ETHIOPIA. HAJRI SAID HE GREATLY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION IN RIYADH. TRIP TO KUWAIT HAD BEEN USEFUL ALTHOUGH YAR HAD NEVER BEEN GIVEN POLITICAL SUPPORT BY GOK, ONLY CUSTOMARY BRICK AND MORTAR AID. HE DID CONCEDE MY COMMENT THAT THERE SIGNS GOK RECONSIDERING ITS " FRIENDS OF EVERYONE" POLICY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD PDRY, SAYING THAT CROWN PRINCE HAD EXPRESSED SUCH SENTIMENTS TO HIM. HIS RECEPTION IN ABU DHABI HAD BEEN WARM. NEW AID HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED EXCEPT FOR HELP WITH WATER CRISIS IN NORTH OF COUNTRY. ZAYID HAD PROMISED TO PROVIDE WELL DRILLING ASSISTANCE.

4. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT SURE HOW MUCH THIS REPRESENTS HAJRI' S OWN INITIATIVE, HE INFORMED ME THAT, AFTER AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL, HE
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HAD PROPOSED TO ZAYPX THAT TWO SIDES FORM JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE BORDER ISSUES AND OFFERED YAR AS VENUE FOR DISCUSSIONS. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT TALKS MIGHT RESULT FROM THIS SUGGESTION.

5. I THEN RELATED TO HAJRI MY CONVERSATION WITH IEG FOREIGN MINISTER DR. MINASSIE (ADDIS 4021 NOTAL) IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED IEG WISH FOR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH YEMEN. PRIMIN RECIPROCATED SAYING THAT YARG PLACED GREAT VALUE ON THIS RELATIONSHIP AND HAD RESISTED STRONG PRESSURE TO MAKE RED SEA ISLANDS AN ARAB CAUSE. MINSTATE HUMRAN AND DEP CIC COL. HAMDI IN RECENT MISSION TO FIVE ARAB CAPITALS AND ARAB LEAGUE HAD CARRIED MESSAGE THAT THESE GOVTS AND LEAGUE SHOULD " KEEP OUT" OF MATTER WHICH YEMEN WOULD SOLVE IN CONTEXT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH IEG. TO PDRY EMISSARY MININFO KHAMIRI, WHO CAME WITH PROPOSAL THAT PDRY AND YAR JOINTLY OCCUPY ISLANDS, HAJRI HAD REPLIED THAT PDRY SHOULD BEGIN BY RECOVERING KURIA MURIA ISLANDS AND THEN AGREE TO JOINT OCCUPATION OF PERIM BEFORE TALKING ABOUT RED SEA ISLANDS. KHAMIRI GOT POINT.

6. IN RESPONSE MY QUERY, PRIMIN SAID RECENT VISIT BY DEPPRIMIN MAKKI HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING. IRANIANS HAD SPENT MOST OF TIME RECRIMINATING OVER PREVIOUS YAR STATEMENTS ON ARABISM OF SHATT AL- ARAB AND GULF ISLANDS AND HAD REFUSED TO TALK ABOUT RUSSIAN PRESENCE IN AREA. QUESTION OF MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR YARG' S CURRENT RUSSIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEVER DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, DESPITE WHAT HAJRI DESCRIBED AS EXCESSIVE IRANIAN " SENSITIVENESS," YARG IS DESIREOUS OF IMPROVED RELATIONS AND HAS INSTRUCTED ITS AMBASSADOR TO RETURN TO TEHRAN (WE SUSPECT THAT SIZEABLE PORTION OF BLAME FOR VISIT' S LACK OF WARMTH BELONGS TO PERSONALITY AND LEFTIST REPUTATION OF YARG ENVOY MAKKI).

7. AS FINAL TOPIC IN LENGTHY DISCUSSION, AAO RUIZ GAVE PRIMIN CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT AID PROJECTS AND THEIR STATUS, SIMILAR TO ONE GIVEN PRES. IRYANI FOUR DAYS EARLIER. HAJRI EXPRESSED PRLEASURE AND APPRECIATION OVER USG INTEREST IN HELPING YARG ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY. CRAWFORD

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